



# Miller Peak Fire

Lolo National Forest

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<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/mtInf-miller-peak-fire>

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## **Northern Rockies Team 5, Incident Commander Joe Sampson**

**Location:** 7 miles south of Missoula, MT

**Start Date:** 7/14/2024

**Cause:** Unknown

**Size:** 2,631 acres

**Completion/Containment:** 25%

738 Total Personnel; 26 Engines; 4 Helicopters; 18 Hand Crews; 12 Water Tenders; 22 Heavy Equipment

## **KEY MESSAGE**

Red Flag Warning issued for the Missoula area starting at noon today.

## **CURRENT STATUS**

Crews and heavy equipment have been successful in creating a line around the entire fire perimeter. The Eastern side of the fire (Moccasin creek area) is currently the most active and lines in that area are plumbed with hose lays. Crews are also constantly monitoring for hot spots and being watchful for spot fires. The UAS (drone) is being used for reconnaissance and has been monitoring the fire area with infrared to pick up any new heat sources. The Southwest flank is being mopped up and is largely contained. Along the Northwest side of the fire, the line is plumbed with hose lays and there is no new heat.

## **WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR**

Hot and dry conditions combined with gusty westerly winds and afternoon storms create critical fire weather conditions. Winds are forecasted to increase over the fire area over the next 24 to 36 hours. As a result of these conditions the fire location is under a Red Flag Warning by the National Weather Service starting at noon on Wednesday.

## **CLOSURES**

A temporary flight restriction is in effect over the fire area. An area and road closure around the fire is in effect due to hazardous conditions resulting from fire activity. Stage II fire restrictions are in effect in the area. Specific closure information and maps are posted on InciWeb at <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/mtInf-miller-peak-fire> and <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/lolo/alerts-notices> as they are implemented.

